

**BEFORE THE UNITED STATES JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT
LITIGATION**

**IN RE: PRETERM INFANT NUTRITION
PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION**

MDL DOCKET NO. _____

REASONS WHY ORAL ARGUMENT SHOULD BE HEARD

Abbott Laboratories and Abbot Laboratories, Inc. (together, “Abbott”) respectfully submit that oral argument would aid the Panel in resolving Abbott’s Motion to Transfer. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1407; Rule of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation 11.1(b). Oral argument will provide both parties the opportunity to address any questions the Panel may have regarding the factual similarities of the pending cases, the burdens and challenges that litigating the cases separately will impose, and the appropriate transferee district. Further, as Abbott anticipates that additional cases involving similar facts or claims will continue to be filed, oral argument will allow the parties to address how those cases impact whether and where to consolidate the pending cases.

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